

**BY-LAWS OF
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF SAN JOSE**

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

Members shall consist of three (3) classes:

SECTION (1) ACTIVE VETERAN MEMBER: Any American who has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States and who is not otherwise barred from membership under provision of SECTION 4, ARTICLE I of these By-Laws, shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

SECTION (2) ACTIVE NON-VETERAN MEMBER: Any adult non-veteran American citizen of sound character, who has been recommended by an active veteran member, and who is not otherwise barred from membership under provisions of SECTION 4, ARTICLE I of these By-Laws, may be elected to membership by a majority vote at a regular meeting or special meeting.

SECTION (3) HONORARY MEMBER: Any adult person who has rendered outstanding service to the community may be elected to honorary membership of this organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a regular meeting or special meeting provided he is not otherwise barred from membership under provisions of SECTION 4, ARTICLE I of these By-Laws.

SECTION (4) MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTION: No person who is now or who has knowingly ever been a member of communist, fascist or any other organization or conspiracy that advocates the overthrow by force or other means of the government of the United States, nor anyone who refuses to take the non-subversive oath, shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

SECTION (5) MEMBERSHIP LIMITATIONS, NON-VETERANS: The total non-veteran membership in the San Jose GI Forum may not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of its membership at the time of admission of a new non-veteran member. There must be no less than (8) Active Veteran Membership to retain the Charter.

SECTION (6) RIGHTS OF ACTIVE VETERANS AND ACTIVE NON-VETERAN MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:

A. No member shall be deprived of his rights and privileges as a member, except for non-payment of dues-or action of a duly constituted Trial Board having jurisdiction, and in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE IV, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES.

B. All members shall have the right to appeal through proper channels from the actions of the San Jose GI Forum, the Forum Chairman or the Board of Directors, with the right of further appeal to the Department Convention provided that appeals shall be taken within sixty days from the rendering of such decisions. All decisions appealed from, shall have full force and effect until reversed.

C. All members, except honorary, shall have the right to examine the

books, reports, and correspondence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary or the Treasurer upon request.

D. All members shall have the right of voice and vote in any and all business of this organization.

E. Any member may move to censure the Chair or move that a vote of confidence be taken.

SECTION (7) PRIVILEGES, ACTIVE VETERAN AND ACTIVE NON-VETERAN MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:

Any qualified Active Veteran or Active Non-Veteran in good standing may be eligible to be nominated and elected to any office of this organization and may be appointed or elected as a delegate to the State Board of Directors Meeting, the Department Convention, or the National Convention.

SECTION (8) PRIVILEGES, HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary members may attend the meetings of the Forum. They may be granted ,the privileges of the floor when called upon for information or advice or may participate in general information discussions, but shall not make or second motions or participate in debates or seek by work or act to influence the decision of the Forum on any question. Honorary members may not vote, hold office or pay dues.

SECTION (9) APPLICATION FOR MEMEBERSHIP: Every application for membership shall be in writing, and in triplicate and shall be filled in every detail upon blanks to be furnished by the Department of California.

SECTION (10) NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANT: Each applicant shall be notified by the Recording Secretary and upon presenting himself shall be properly obligated and inducted.

SECTION (11) MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: A member who has paid the membership dues levied by the San Jose GI Forum is considered to be in good standing. He/she ceases to be a member in good standing on the first day following the expiration date on his/her San Jose GI Forum Membership Card.

SECTION (12) MEMBERSHIP OATH: All persons shall take the following oath as a pre-requisite for membership in this organization.

"I do solemnly promise and swear that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States, my State and my flag; and that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American GI Forum and that I will neither wrong nor harm any member thereof, so help me God."

SECTION (13) PROPERTY RIGHTS: The property of the corporation and the income there-from is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of the corporation, and no part of the property profits or net income of the corporation shall ever go to the private benefit of any member or other individual.

SECTION (14) MEMBERSHIP LIABILILTY: No member of the corporation shall be personally or otherwise liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation.

ARTICLE II

MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

SECTION (1) TIME AND PLACE: A membership meeting shall be held at least once each month unless for good cause a meeting is postponed for anyone such month at such time' and place as may be determined by the Membership. The regular meeting will start at eight (8) p.m. and shall adjourn no later than eleven (11) p.m. The time of adjournment may be extended by majority vote of the membership. The meeting place shall be determined by the Chairman or by the membership.

SECTION (2) COMPOSITION: Membership meetings shall be composed of regular veteran and non-veteran members of this organization and they alone shall be entitled to vote. Honorary members or guests shall be entitled to attend and to participate in informative discussions but may neither vote nor move the body.

SECTION (3) POWERS: The membership shall be the supreme governing and judicial body of this organization. Action may be taken only by duly passed motions at membership meetings. Seven members shall constitute a quorum to do business and motions may be passed by a majority of votes of the members present unless the action to be taken is such that a prescribed majority shall be required by these By-Laws.

SECTION (4) NOTICES: At least (5) days before a meeting of the membership, whether regular or special, the Recording Secretary shall send a written notice to each member to the address of such member as recorded in the official roster notifying him of the date, time, place and address of such meeting.

SECTION (5) ABSENTEEISM: A member shall be considered inactive and ineligible for elective office if he is absent for four (4) consecutive membership meetings. He shall be notified of his eligibility by the Recording Secretary as soon as practicable after the fourth such absence. He shall remain on inactive status until he has attended two consecutive membership meetings and may be eligible for elective office on the second such meeting he attends.

SECTION (6) TRANSFERS: Any member in good standing against whom no charges exist, may transfer to any other Forum upon presentation of an official request and his current annual paid-up membership card, provided he is accepted by the Chapter to which he is requesting the transfer. A transferring member shall not be liable for any fee solely due to the transfer. Upon request, a letter of transfer shall be issued to him by the Chairman and the State Treasurer.

ARTICLE II I

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION (1) ROSTER OF OFFICERS: The number of officers in the San Jose GI Forum shall be seven(7). There will be a:

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Recording Secretary

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4. Corresponding Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Chaplain
7. Sergeant at Arms

SECTION (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE: All candidates for elective office of San Jose GI Forum must have been members in good standing of this Chapter for at least one year prior to their nomination, and must have attended the majority of meetings for one year prior to their nomination.

To be eligible for nomination to the office of Chairman and the office of Treasurer, the nominee must have held for at least one year one of the other elective offices in the San Jose GI Forum.

Candidates for the office of Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, and Sergeant at Arms must meet only the qualifications stipulated in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, paragraph 1 of this document.

SECTION (3) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman shall:

- A. Be the Chief Administrative Officer of the organization;
- B. Have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the organization subject to the control of the Board of Directors and of the Membership.
- C. Be the official representative of the organization at all social and civic functions at which this organization is

represented.

D. Have the power to appoint a delegate or representative in his place.

E. Have the power to appoint the membership to all standing committees.

F. Have the power to appoint the membership to all special committees.

G. Be a member of all committees.

H. Have the general power and duties of management and control usually invested in the office of president of an organization, subject to such restrictions and such additional duties and such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (4) RESTRICTION ON OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN: No person shall be qualified to be elected for more than two consecutive terms as Chairman.

SECTION (5) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN:

The Vice Chairman shall:

A. Perform the duties and shall have the powers of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

B. Assist the Chairman in the execution of the duties of the Chairman.

C. Have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may

from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (6) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall:

A. Keep or cause to be kept a book of minutes of the membership meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and any other gathering wherein the business of the organization shall be duly transacted, with the time, place of holding whether regular or special, the notice thereto given, and the names of those Officers, Directors or Representatives present.

B. Keep or cause to be kept a roster of the membership together with the addresses and telephone numbers of each member.

C. Give or cause to be given notice to all conventions and meetings of the membership at the addresses listed on the official roster of the Forum at least five (5) days before such meeting and thirty (30) days before conventions.

D. Give or cause to be given, notice to all Board of Directors meetings at least three (3) days before such meeting to the members of such Board.

E. Keep the seal of the organization in safe custody.

F. Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws, or the Membership.

SECTION (7) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

.A. Prepare and mail all correspondence and documentary matter required to be prepared or mailed by the organization.

B. Keep in safe custody all correspondence and other matter received by the organization and copies of all matter sent by the organization.

C. Prepare or cause to be prepared all written or typed or printed matter of the organization.

D. Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws, or the Membership.

SECTION (8) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall:

A. Keep or-cause to be kept adequate and correct accounts of funds, properties and business transactions of the organization.

B. Deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of the organization with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors or the Membership.

C. Disburse funds with the co-signature of the Chairman and/or Secretary or as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Membership.

D. Render to the Chairman, the Board of Directors or the Membership,

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when it is requested, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the organization.

E. Give monthly reports at the regular chapter meeting.

F. Produce the books for inspection or audit by any member of this organization upon request.

G. Complete the official tax forms required of the organization.

H. Have such other powers and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (9) TREASURER TO BE BONDED: The Treasurer of this organization shall be bonded and the expense covered by the organization. The Treasurer must be bonded prior to taking office.

SECTIQN (10) DUTIES 'AND POWERS OF THE CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall render the official prayer and invocation or benediction at Membership meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and when practicable, at any gathering of this organization. He shall have such other powers and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (11) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS:

The Sergeant at Arms shall:

A. Be the custodian of all of the property of the organization at the place wherein meetings or gatherings of the organization are held.

B. Maintain order at the meetings.

C. Greet guests and introduce them to the Chairman.

D. Lead the Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Perform such additional duties and shall have such additional powers as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (12) VACANCIES OF OFFICES:

A. Chairman: In the event of death, resignation or other incapacity of the Chairman to continue in his office, he shall be succeeded to said office by the Vice Chairman. In such a case, the office of Vice Chairman shall remain vacant for the remainder of that term.

SECTION (13) SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS: The order of succession to the' Office of Chairman shall be that in which the various offices are listed in Section 1 of ARTICLE III of these By-Laws.

SECTION (14) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. Nomination: A Nomination Committee of members in good standing shall be appointed by the Chairman at a meeting prior to the elections. However,

nominations for any office shall still be open on the night of elections. Nominations shall not be closed unless there are no further nominations from the floor and the question, "It has been moved and seconded that nominations for the (office) be closed. Are there further nominations?", shall have been asked three (3) times and no response thereto received.

B. Elections: An Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman on the night of elections and said committee shall pass out ballots and shall collect, and tally and announce the results separately for each office.

C. Elections date and term of office: Elections of Officers shall be held on the first meeting in May or at such date as close thereto as practical with the approval of the majority of the membership. Officers thus duly elected shall serve for a term of one year commencing at the next regularly scheduled meeting or as close thereto as practicable with the approval of the majority of the membership.

D. Maximum Duty: The holding of one office in the Local, State or National Forum will constitute the maximum duty that the membership shall ask of anyone member.

E. Oath of Officers: All officers of the American GI Forum of San Jose shall take the following oath prior to taking office:

"I, (Name), do hereby solemnly promise and swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, my State and my Flag, and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American GI Forum of the United States and of the San Jose Chapter, of which I am (Office); further, betterment and advancement of this organization; that I am not now and have never been a member of any subversive organization and that I will serve to the best of my ability and will strive for cooperation with all committees and officers of the GI Forum and this End I shall always ,adhere to and uphold to the utmost, SO HELP ME GOD."

SECTION (15) IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

A. General: Offices and members of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by impeachment and' members may be expelled from membership in this organization for the following reasons:

1. Disloyalty to the United States;
2. Disloyalty to the American GI Forum;
3. Misconduct in office;
4. Improper or immoral conduct;
5. For the good of the organization.

B. Charges: Charges, in writing and under oath, may be presented to the Board of Directors by any member of this

organization. The said charges must specify one or more of the grounds for impeachment or expulsion above cited and must indicate with particularity the acts or omissions and all grounds constituting the charges.

C. Preliminary Action: The Board of Directors may pass a resolution with two-thirds vote that charges do not constitute sufficient grounds to require further action and the said charges shall be dismissed. Neither the resolution

nor the minutes shall reflect the name of the person charged, the name of the person presenting the charges, nor the vote of each Director. The written charges and all documentary matter or exhibits shall be returned to the person presenting them and nothing shall remain in the files or in the possession of the organization which shall recall the names of the parties or the incident in general except as herein set forth.

D. Deliberations and Discussions: All deliberations and discussions pertaining to the matters set forth in Section 15 of ARTICLE III of these By-Laws, shall be conducted in closed meetings of the Board of Directors and all persons who are not members of the Board of Directors shall be excluded there-from, and if the person presenting the charges shall be a member of the Board of Directors, then such person shall likewise be excluded and shall have no power of vote upon the resolution mentioned in Sub-section C, Section 15 of ARTICLE III of these By-Laws. All proceedings included in this section herein may constitute misconduct in office for impeachment purposes.

E. Review of Charges: In the event that such resolution declaring the Charges to be insufficient is not passed, the Chairman shall set the matter for a formal hearing before the Board of Directors at the earliest date practicable. He shall notify the accused of the time and place of the hearing. The accused shall present any and all evidence in refutation of said charges. The hearing upon charges shall be open unless the accused requests in writing that the hearing be closed. The Board of Directors, in a closed meeting, will deliberate and vote upon a resolution to:

1. Impeach the accused;
2. Expel the accused;
3. Impeach and expel the accused.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to pass any of the above mentioned resolutions.

F. Final Action: If any of the above resolutions indicated in Section 15, ARTICLE III: of these By-Laws shall have been passed by the Board of Directors, a hearing shall be held before the membership as soon as practicable. The accused shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing and shall be given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Failure to appear to answer charges may be construed as grounds for expulsion. The said meeting shall be open unless requested by the accused in writing that it be closed. The action of the Board of Directors must be ratified by a motion passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present at said meeting.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION (1) BOARD MEMBERS: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected Officers of the organization.

SECTION (2) MEETINGS: The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as is determined by the Board. Notice shall be given to all Directors at such addresses as are designated by them for such purpose at least three (3) days before such meeting is held. Special meetings of

the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the organization or by any three (3) Directors joining in a written request to the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for sending notice of Special or Regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

SECTION (3) POWERS: The general governing powers of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors jointly with the Membership. The presence of simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business. Recommendations and resolutions shall be passed by a majority vote, unless the action requires a specific majority under the By-Laws. All recommendations and resolutions passed by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the Membership for approval or rejection.

SECTION (4) RESOLUTIONS: The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Board of Directors and shall supervise the recording of the resolution passed, the vote of each member, and shall sign the resolutions passed. The Chairman shall have the resolutions signed by the Recording Secretary and shall see that resolutions so adopted are read at the next regular membership meeting. Failure to read or cause the resolutions passed, by the Board of Directors to be read to the membership within a reasonable time after such resolutions shall have been passed may be construed as misconduct in office for impeachment purposes.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION (1) MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Function of the Membership Committee shall be:

- A. To maintain an up-to-date roster of the active membership;
- B. To correspond with inactive members;
- C. To maintain a list of and correspond with prospective members;
- D. To maintain Membership Application and Membership Renewal Cards;
- E. To review the Discharge of prospective Veteran Members;
- F. To meet with the Board of Directors regarding all prospective members;
- G. To supervise initiation ceremonies;
- H. To conduct an Annual Membership Drive;
- I. To propose the yearly local dues for the coming year to the Board of

Directors;

- J. To perform such other duties as might be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (2) WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Ways and Means committee shall be:

- A. To submit a yearly program to the Board of Directors for approval;
- B. To contact and arrange for locations to be used for fund raising and social functions in advance of the functions;
- C. To obtain the necessary licenses and tax forms required for fund raising functions;
- D. To submit a complete report of each fund raising function of the Treasurer and to the Recording Secretary for filing;

- E. To submit all profits to the Treasurer;
- F. To assist the Treasurer in completing all necessary forms related to fund raising functions;
- G. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws *or* the Membership.

SECTION (3) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The function of the Scholarship Committee shall be:

- A. To formulate a scholarship program which will contain the minimum requirements to qualify a student for a scholarship grant from San Jose GI Forum;
- .. B. To evaluate all candidates seeking a Forum scholarship;
- C. To select winning candidates;
- D. To keep informed of the different scholarships offered by other organizations for which our losing candidates may qualify;
- E. To arrange for a review of the recipients' college records at mid-year;
- F. To direct or cancel the payment of the second part of the scholarship;
- G. To seek ways and means to enlarge the Scholarship Fund through fund raising projects or direct appeals to persons, businesses or foundations;
- H. To publicize as much as practicable, the names of recipients, their college majors .and the names of the San Jose GI Forum;
- I. To hold and administer the Scholarship Fund;
- J. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of

Directors, The By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (4) BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

The function of the By-Laws Committee shall be:

- A. To constantly review the By-Laws and initiate or accept recommendations for amendments when needed;
- B. To become thoroughly familiar with the By-Laws, their meaning and their interpretation;
- C. To provide information to the Chairman, Board of Directors or Membership as requested regarding conflicts with or provision of the By-Laws;
- D. To present recommended amendments to the By-Laws to the Membership as provided for in the By-Laws for passage or defeat;
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board-of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (5) ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

The function of the Organizing committee shall be:

- A. To constantly look for and develop leads for the purpose of organizing new chapters of the GI Forum;
- B. To work closely with the Region IX Chairman in ; standardizing rules for organizing new Forums;
- C. To utilize standard rules in organizing of new chapters;
- D. To be responsible for the organizing obligations of the San Jose Forum;
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (6) PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Public Relations Committee shall be:

- A. To acquaint the general public with the objectives, activities and accomplishments of the American GI Forum of the U.S. and of the San Jose Forum;
- B. To strive to win the sympathy and support of the public 'for the American GI Forum of the U.S.
- C. To advertise and promote the best interests of the American GI Forum of San Jose;
- D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (7) WELFARE COMMITTEE:

The function of the Welfare Committee shall be:

- A. To undertake yearly Christmas Baskets Program for the needy;
- B. To bring to the attention of the Forum persons in need whom the Forum can help;
- C. To initiate action to help the needy;
- D. To be in attendance at all meetings or organizations requesting the participation of the Forum in undertaking a program to acquire food for the needy;
- E. To familiarize themselves with business places, prices ; and costs for executing a program to aid the needy;
- F. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Director_, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (8) AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The function of the Auditing Committee shall be:

- A. To examine the reports of the Treasurer, his books and vouchers and to see that all the money received is properly accounted for;
- B. To see that all disbursements have been properly authorized and that there is a receipt for each disbursement;

C. To certify to the correctness of the Treasurer's reports;

D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (9) GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE:

The function of the Grievances Committee shall be:

A. To accept and consider all grievances from the membership and if judged proper, to present to the Board of Directors;

B. To present grievances in specific terms but to identify the complaint only in the most general terms;

C. To circulate among different members, especially those not actively participating in discussions at meetings, and to gain opinions and attitudes with regard to policy and procedures for possible presentation to the Board of Directors;

D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (10) VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Veterans Affairs Committee shall be:

A. To constantly keep the Forum informed of the changes in laws, benefits and other related data affecting veterans;

B. To aid any veteran in the affairs concerning veterans rights and

.privileges;

C. To represent the San Jose Forum at meetings of the Santa Clara County United Veterans Council

D. To provide the Forum with advanced information regarding veterans parades and other public demonstrations sponsored by veterans organizations;

E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION (1) BANQUET COMMITTEE:

The function of the Banquet Committee shall be:

A. To plan and arrange for a yearly installation and Awards Banquet;

B. To present to the membership for their approval, a complete program for the Installation and Awards Banquet;

C. To be responsible for the undertaking of the Banquet;

D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (2) AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Awards Committee shall be:

- A. To standardize titles of awards for presentation at the banquet;
- B. To standardize the qualifications for the different awards;
- C. To provide the membership with an opportunity to select the award winners.;
- D. To select and purchase the awards to be presented;
- E. To arrange for and make the awards presentations at the banquet;
- F. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (3) NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The function of the Nominating Committee shall be:

- A. To contact possible candidates for the various offices and recommend them to the membership as candidates for office;
- B. To familiarize themselves with the duties and responsibilities of the offices and to enlighten possible candidates with that information;

- C. To remind those contacted and the rest of the membership of the provision in these By-Laws requiring nominations being open on election night;
- D. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (4) ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Elections Committee shall be:

- A. To pass out ballots to the membership on elections night;
- B. To recover the ballots and count each ballot, noting the vote and recording the vote for each office;
- C. To announce the results for each office separately and to indicate the registered vote for each candidate;
- D. To include in the ballots, all the names of the different candidates running for each office, opposite the title of the office to allow the membership to vote on all candidates at one time;
- E. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

SECTION (5) SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

The function of the Special Project Committee shall be:

- A. To undertake those projects which do not come under the jurisdiction of the other committees when so directed by the Chairman;
- B. To employ at least three (3) members of the San Jose Auxiliary as Committee members;
- C. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the By-Laws or the Membership.

ARTICLE VII

PRAYER, PLEDGE, MOTTO AND SEAL

SECTION (1) PRAYER:

The official prayer of this organization shall be the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and it shall be read at the commencement of each meeting.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD,

make me an instrument of Thy Peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

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OH DIVINE MASTER, grant that I,
May not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life,

AMEN

SECTION (2) PLEDGE:

States of America is hereby be recited at every meeting prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United adopted by this organization as its pledge and shall of the organization immediately after the official

PLEDGE OF THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation, under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

SECTION (3) MOTTO:

The official motto of this organization shall be:

"EDUCATION IS OUR FREEDOM, AND FREEDOM SHOULD BE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS"

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

SECTION (1) DUES: The amount of twenty-five (\$25.00) annual local dues shall be collected from each member of this organization, subject to change by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting.

The dues and fees included in SECTION 1, ARTICLE VIII of these By-Laws, are subject to change upon proper motion, second and ratification by members attending a regularly scheduled meeting.

A thirty (30) days written notice by either San Jose GI Forum Newsletter, mail, or telegram, etc. must be given each paid-up member before final vote is taken on increasing dues or fees assessed members of San Jose GI Forum.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY RULE

SECTION (1) GENERAL:

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order' (revised) shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, when not in conflict with provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

ENDORSEMENTS

SECTION .(1) GENERAL: The San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum of the U.S. shall not support, endorse, or oppose any political candidates or political parties.

It is expressly forbidden for all officers and members to use the name of the American GI Forum of the United States; the Department of California, the San Jose Chapter or any derivative thereof, for the support of the candidacy of any individual to political office or of any political party. Furthermore, The San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum is here by prohibited from affiliating itself with any other organization without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Department of California.

ARTICLE XI

REPRESENTATION

SECTION (1) REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS: Delegates representing San Jose GI Forum on the board of directors of any project shall be members in good standing of the Chapter. They shall be elected at a regular meeting by the same process used to elect officers of the Chapter. Delegates shall serve for a term to be determined by the chapter membership at the time of their election.

In the event that delegate resigns, is deceased, or is removed from the board of directors for whatever reason, the San Jose GI Forum membership shall, at the next regularly scheduled meeting, elect one or more of its paid-up members to fill the vacancy/vacancies existing on that board.

Delegates representing San Jose GI Forum on these respective boards of directors shall be bound by instructions given by the chapter, e.g., to vote for or against any individual seeking the job of director; to vote for or against moving of the project offices; to vote for or against merging or affiliating with any other project; and other specific directions given the delegates after the subject has been discussed at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting.

One of the delegates elected shall be selected by a vote of the delegates to represent our delegation and present a report at the monthly chapter meetings.

Regular attendance at San Jose Chapter meetings shall be one of the requirements for representing the chapter' on these boards, or any other projects wherein a member is representing San Jose GI Forum.

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